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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TURNS OPERATION OF SYSTEM OVER TO CPRWMA

ALERT Flood Warning System dedicated

By Marvin McLain, Editor

After years of study, planning and installation, an ALERT (Automated Local Evaluation of Real Time) Flood Warning System is now in operation in the Choctawhatchee-Peabody Rivers Watershed Management Authority and the State of Alabama.

State, federal and local dignitaries

gathered in Elba on Wednesday, January 29, to officially dedicate the system.

Also, the control and operation of the system transferred from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Choctawhatchee-Peabody Rivers Watershed Management Authority and the State of Alabama.

U. S. Congressman Terry Everett was the keynote speaker for the ceremony held in the courtroom of the Elba Courthouse.

Everett noted that this project was an excellent example of money being well spent benefiting more than 300,000 people who live in the river basin.

The project received \$300,000 in federal funds and \$100,000 from state.

The ALERT Flood Warning System consists of thirteen remote stream and rainfall gauges, one rainfall-only gauge and four data repeater stations located at strategic sites in the watershed. The system will alert at predetermined times to provide rainfall and river stage information to the central computer centers located in Elba and Geneva.

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Elba Mayor James Grimes said, "This is a great system and what it will mean to the citizens of Elba and our neighbors."

"We anticipate the system giving enough warning time for our citizens to evacuate and take the necessary precautions in a flood-like situation."

Representing Governor Fob James at the ceremony was his Executive Secretary James G. Sasser.

"A great deal of effort has gone into this project," said Sasser. "Hopefully it will save property and money for all involved."

He also commended the people of Elba and the surrounding area for the unbelievable recovery made after the devastating flood of March, 1990.

After the ceremony in Elba, dignitaries traveled to Geneva where the it was repeated.



Pictured above is Major Richard F. Davis, Deputy District Engineer for Civil Works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, officially turning over the keys and manuals for the ALERT Flood Warning System to Elba Mayor James Grimes and Coffee County Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley.

NEWS BRIEFS

A Daleville man, Oscar Lee Jones, age 40, died in a one-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon on Coffee County Board 147 in the northeast part of the county. According to reports, Jones was on his way to work at St. John's Hospital when his 1995 Nissan left the road and struck a tree. Coffee County Coroner Tim Whitehead pronounced Jones dead at the scene. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers.

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Six defendants recently arrested on charges of conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in Coffee and Geneva counties have been convicted in Federal Court. They are Roger Wise, 51, Bobby Joe Harrison, 40, Dennis Johnson, 39, and Dennis Weatherford, 42, all residents of Samson, Dennis Weeks, 37, Kinston, and Danny Earl Mitchum, 40, Defuniak Springs, FL. They now face mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years and maximum sentences of life in prison.

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BRINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama legislature is back in session. "God Save the Queen" is easily adapted to "God Save the People of Alabama." Even before the session started, there were signs of massive concern and major failures for Governor James with his list. Anyone in Alabama knows that tort reform always creates emotional reactions from all sides; consolidation of higher education facilities has massive opposition from education forces within and outside the legislature; funding for K-12 will be a battle royal, not only in amount but road bond issue is...dying, it is dead, dead, dead unless his forces have a magic wand somewhere.

While our survey wasn't official, we talked to several South Alabama legislators and a friend who voiced their position and said what certain other lawmakers were expressing. Then in Montgomery Friday we got more feedback from other lawmakers. They were all singing the same song. North Alabama lawmakers are apparently united against the bond issue plan. Birmingham lawmakers don't like the small portion their area is getting; South Alabama lawmakers don't like it for the same reason. Then there are some oil, the older heads who are asking, "What happened to that \$4 tax I voted for that was to get us all our road needs 'on a pay as we go system.' As we opined... the road bond issue is dead in anything like its present form.

The January issue of Alabama Business Monthly included interviews (or in some cases, responses to written questions) with members of the Alabama Supreme Court. Elba's Judge Terry Butts was interviewed by a friend, local town political reporter Bessie Ford, who isn't easily fooled by political spin. It was interesting to read how Terry responded to the tort reform issue. He is both business and lawyers happy by being "an kind of reform as long as it is meaningful." He also "wants state leaders to deal with tort reform, particularly punitive damages, and send their solution to the voters as a constitutional amendment." You can't go wrong letting the people vote on the issue.

The final paragraph of Ford's article on Judge Butts was the first time we have seen in print another Butts subject being whispered all around the state. Him as a candidate for governor of Alabama. Fearing a misquote, we offer Bessie's whole last paragraph... "Butts' flair for energizing audiences when he speaks about civic responsibility has prompted speculation that he may be tuning up to run for governor. Butts said he is flattered by such talk, but insists that he is not encouraged. He said his themes may fuel the speculation. He laments, for example, that there is not enough 'visionary leadership' in Alabama. 'I think in my heart of hearts that a governor could bring together the warring factions on tort reform,' he said." End of article.

Now, could he raise the money to run a credible race for governor? Well, Terry has cast some very sensible votes on the Supreme Court and it is no secret he raised almost a million dollars, from both business and lawyers, to win the lot of Supreme Court position two years ago. Could he win? You never know how you look 'til you get your picture took. Will he run? You will have to ask Judge Butts that question, and right now we doubt he has a firm answer, even if he is seriously considering the race. He might want to stay where he is... a judge must resign if he chooses to run for governor... but then Butts already has enough time in as Circuit Judge and Supreme Court Justice to draw retirement if he didn't want to open a law practice.

The talk in Washington this week is to promote small loans to the poor rather than handouts. We salute this, if administered properly. The idea is to get private banks to loan the money to those in poverty started in Congress. It works well in several undeveloped countries, where education, money and often the basics of life are extremely short. However in America, welfare recipients join others in enjoying many of life's luxuries and fail to travel money to march on Washington for "their rights," whenever welfare reform is discussed. Therefore it may take more than a \$500 check and a smile from Hillary Clinton to begin major success with this project.

Smoking Kills

• Smoking killed about 47,000 Americans in 1990
• Smoking is linked to 175,000 deaths of all heart and blood vessel disease deaths
• Smoking costs U.S. about \$50 billion in annual medical care
• Every day about 3,000 young Americans start smoking
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FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
Terry Everett

New Funding Plan to Focus on Southern Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has reached the conclusion that the South is becoming the home of choice for more and more of America's veterans.

As a result, the VA is forming new guidelines to allocate additional funds to the South and Southwest while shifting money away from other regions which are experiencing veteran population declines.

The veteran population in America has experienced substantial shifts over the last 15 years. Northeast states like Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York have seen veteran reductions ranging from 12 to 25 percent, while Southeastern and Southwestern states have witnessed growth of anywhere from 6 to 26 percent. Leading the pack are Florida and Arizona.

On January 14, the VA announced that it would use a new allocation of \$427,000, which includes a \$100,000 increase for each of the 22 geographic regions. The VA is calling this new allocation "a kind of reform as long as it is meaningful." He also "wants state leaders to deal with tort reform, particularly punitive damages, and send their solution to the voters as a constitutional amendment." You can't go wrong letting the people vote on the issue.

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The regions which would face reduced funding are a result of the new VA plan will mainly be northeast and midwest. These regions will be encouraged to shift care-delivery from inpatient beds to outpatient clinics where appropriate, eliminate unnecessary administrative costs, consolidate facilities, and reduce duplication of clinical services.

The VA's new funding plan will be presented to Congress this month for a 60-day review period before it will go into effect.

I am hopeful that it will be adopted.

BE CAREFUL!

MAKING OURSELVES CLEAER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct or add to this column in the newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out errors, omissions or those of our sources, should contact this editor at 897-2823. Citations will appear promptly in this space.

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MASONIC LODGE 178 @ 2nd & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
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ELBA POLICE REPORT JANUARY 27 Thru FEBRUARY 2, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 27, 1997, investigated the following incidents:

one unlawful use of a vehicle, four thefts of property, one carrying a pistol without a permit, four failures to appear, one mental case, four arrests, two resisting arrest, two public intoxication, one criminal mischief, one property recovery, and one DUI.

Arrests were as follows: two for harassment, four for failure to appear, one for theft of property, one for carrying a pistol without a permit, four for unlawful use of a vehicle, two for assault, one for resisting arrest, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for DUI and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on AL Hwy. 1895 (4:32 a.m.); River stage - 8.25 feet (6:45 a.m.); Rescue report on Oak Ave. (9:07 p.m.); Vehicle burglary reported on AL Hwy. 87N (11:31 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - River stage - 7.43 feet (6:53 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 - River stage - 8.67 feet (6:41 a.m.); Wreck reported at The Ranch House Restaurant (7:33 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL 203 and 87N (1:19 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reese Ave. (2:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 - River stage - 9.36 feet (6:40 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Ave. (9:30 a.m.); Fire department responded to Kelly's Barber Shop (11:53 a.m.); Wreck reported at Elba Stockyard (1:14 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - River stage - 8.34 feet (6:36 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on CR Rd. 209 (5:35 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - River stage - 7.39 feet (6:48 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (8:24 a.m.); Fight reported at Pizza Hut (12:10 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) (3:41 p.m.); Wreck reported at the Big Bear (5:58 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Oak Ave. (9:07 p.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 87N (11:31 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Rescue run to a residence on CR Rd. 209 (4:24 a.m.); River stage - 7.86 feet (6:51 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (3:40 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) on Buford St. (4:46 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 875 (4:58 p.m.); Vehicle burglary reported on Jackson St. (8:58 p.m.).

MADALINE S. KENDRICK

Madaline S. Kendrick, age 84 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, February 2, 1997 in an Elba hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 3, 1997 from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Billy McCullough, Rev. Conner Harrison, and Rev. Charles Black officiating.

Burial followed in the Ino Assembly of God Church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Claudine Brown Parker of Elba, AL; a daughter, Judy Watson of Elba, AL; and two sons, Gary Parker and Jackie Parker, both of Elba, AL; a sister, Leonie Cutchen of Eufaula, AL; three granddaughters, Julia Kendrick of Waynesville, NC and Madaline Harris Hargrove and Elizabeth Hargrove, both of Birmingham, AL; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

GERALD LEE MAULDIN

Gerald Lee Mauldin, age 51 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, January 29, 1997 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 1997 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include her father, Jim Gray, Dallas, her mother, Cynthia Gavins Gray, of Elba, AL; Rev. Tom Walton Beach, Florida, Nicholas and Darryl Davis, both of Opp, AL; her grandparents, Clinton and Fannie Mae Gavins of Opp, AL; one great uncle; two uncles; seven aunts; nieces; one nephew; numerous cousins and friends.

JOHNNIE ANDREW BOSWELL

Johnnie Andrew Boswell, age 74 of Opp, Alabama, died Saturday, January 25, 1997.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 1997 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Mauldin of Elba, AL; a daughter, Lisa Marlene Mauldin of Elba, AL; two sisters, Ida Payne Carnley of Akin, South Carolina and Ethel Ellz of Enterprise, AL; three brothers, Norma Mauldin of Elba, AL, Hendrick Mauldin of Enterprise, AL, and Charles Mauldin of Samson, AL.

LOIS EDWARDS

Lois Edwards, age 80 of Elberta, Alabama, died Saturday, January 25, 1997 in a nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Mills officiating.

Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Bernice and Tabitha, and three sons, Ray B. Edwards of Enterprise, AL; Harold Edwards of Columbus, Georgia, and Randy Edwards of Elba, AL; one sister, Mary Jean Anderson of New Brockton, AL; two brothers, Junior Jackson and James M. Jackson of Elba, AL; 17 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren.

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Wiregrass members of the group include Chris Duke of Enterprise; Andrew McKeown, Ozark; Amy Morgan, Enterprise, and Will Whittaker, Enterprise.

Tickets are now on sale at Westgate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'N Fancy, Enterprise; The Jewel Box in Elba, and the ITT Office at Ft. Rucker.

Advance tickets are \$14, student tickets \$12.



New Arrival



Mr. Rushing & Ms. Fulton

Fulton-Rushing wedding set for Saturday, June 28th

Shirley Fulton and Jerry Rushing announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Shirley is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker of Cullman, AL. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alto Rushing of Elba, AL.

The bride-elect is employed at

Instant Photo Corp. of America, of Mobile, AL., as district manager. The groom is employed at Dorsay Trailers.

The wedding will be held June 28, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park in Elba. A western style wedding has been set.

Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Echo Cheyenne, on January 15, 1997. She weighed 7lbs 15oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Echo was welcomed home by her sister, Susie, age 12; and brothers, Tony, age 10, and Kit, age 4.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino and Guy and Sue Johnson of Enterprise.

Receiving gifts during the

gifts were Mrs. Carolyn Maddox, Mrs. Pam Smith, Mrs. Vicki Stinson, and the bride's wedding book.

After viewing a wide assortment

of gifts, the guests were served party platters, a meal was skinned in soft pink and overlaid with a white cut-work cloth. Crystal chopsticks held cheese straws, mints, nuts, cake, and punch. Mrs. Vicki Stinson and Miss Alyson ladled the punch. A bouquet of mixed-color roses, artfully arranged by Mrs. Jeanette Lashley, and a silver candleholder holding a single rose completed the table decorations. Several forms and wreaths of white wedding bells and ribbon completed the decorations in the fellowship hall.

Honored for the occasion included Mrs. Sylvie Byrd, Mrs. Pat Jones, Mrs. Jeanne Windham, Mrs. Charlotte Windham, Mrs. Carolyn Maddox, Mrs. Carolyn Smart, Mrs. Audrey Smith, Mrs. Totie Parrish, Mrs. Janice Bell, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Vicki Stinson, Mrs. Janie W. Allen, Mrs. Hattie White, and Mrs. Wayne White.

The bride-elect is the daughter of

Clara Byrd Averett and the late James Dolan Averett of Enterprise.

Sylvie Byrd Averett and the late Henry Gray Averett and the late Walter Ray and Bessie Norton Byrd of Enterprise. She is employed by the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The groom is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams of Troy. He is the grandson of Claudia K. Blackwell and the late Henry Blackwell and the late Norman and Barbara Adams of Troy. He is employed by Stone Container Corporation of Troy.

A private ceremony is planned for Saturday, March 8, 1997.

Janice Moates & Dennis Adams plan March wedding

Janice Moates and Dennis Adams announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

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Dennis Adams & Janice Moates

Beauty pageants planned by Chamber of Commerce

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring The Little Miss Jr. Miss, and Miss Elba Pageant on April 12, 1997. A preliminary planning meeting with all interested participants will be announced later. Several exciting plans are already underway for the event. Miss Alabama 1996, Alison McReary, has already been signed to be Emcee and performer for the event.

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The Way to Repentance

(Part 1)

Repentance, despite many misconceptions, brings great joy and new life. Because of this, nothing is more important than finding the way to repentance. The first step toward repentance is to realize the fact that we do not have repentance. This is fundamental, for since the fall of man there is nothing we lack more than this one thing. It is the lament of all the prophets. It is the desire of all the saints. We desire to find the way to this and finally Jesus himself lamented saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace..." (Luke 19:42). We are apathetic and indifferent toward our sins, and we are usually not disturbed by them at all. We are more likely to weep over what is done to us, or over difficult circumstances. Each one of does so, for this is our human nature. Not everyone comes to the realization of the need for contrition and repentance and over his sins. Such reactions are foreign to us. The human heart has a way of thinking it is always in the right and has no need to weep over its sins. By nature we are self-confident and impudent. We blame others or even accuse God when we do not understand His ways.

Taking taken the first step and realizing that we do not have repentance, namely that we cannot bring ourselves to repentance. No one is capable of causing us to do this. We are a soft, contrite heart that is able to woe over its sins. It is a gift of grace from Heaven when this is accomplished in us, for we are totally unable to do so.

Once we have realized that we are lacking repentance and that we cannot bring it about ourselves, it is essential that we do not get stuck here but look in faith to the Lord, Jesus Christ. We have a God who performs miracles, and that is our comfort. God wants to perform miracles. He says, "Is anything too hard for me?" (Genesis 18:14) It is a joy for Him to create something in our hearts that is not there by nature, and He does so through the Holy Spirit. To the glory of His name He is able to melt even the hardest of hearts.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to break our hard-heartedness and self-righteousness, and to make our hearts humble and soft, so that we can weep over our sins. When Jesus destroyed Satan's power, He also made possible the salvation of all men. He has given us the way to salvation through His victory on the cross upon which they say we are able to stand on our own sins. There is hope for us to become broken, not by weeping over our own sorrows, but weeping genuine tears of remorse for the suffering that our sin brought to God and to our fellow men. Thus, Jesus' call, "Repent!" is also a promise; for he does not require anything without giving us the power to fulfill it. He sacrificed His life for us at Calvary so that through Him we might experience God's gracious gift of salvation and find cleansing and salvation through His blood. The way of repentance is a blood-stained way.

Sheikh Baptist Church will be holding a Ground Breaking Ceremony on February 8, 1997. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. with several speakers addressing the pastor, deacons, oldest members and youngest members of the church to break the ground at the site of the new church. All church members and friends of Shiloh are invited to attend.

Mustard Seed Foundation

The seniors met at the foundation on Wednesday, January 29, 1997. There were 7 present and they were:

Mary Seavey, Frank McCollough, Samie and Inez Wambles, and Zeala and Eva Smith. There were several visiting due to sickness. The seniors that met at the foundation would like to invite others to join them. The Mustard Seed Foundation is located in the Victoria Community on County Road 211.

There will be a singing at the New Seed Foundation with the New Covenant Singers on February 13, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. The church is located in the Victoria Community on County Road 211.

There will be a singing at the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at Elba High School

Student Spotlight

Pictured above (l to r) Ben Purvis and Mark Reed.

by Melissa Benbow

Ben Purvis. He is the son of Mitch and Joyce Purvis. His hobby is hunting. Ben is involved with FFA, Beta, PFA, and Chi Alpha Mu. He attends the New Brockton First United Methodist Church. He has been involved with EHS and is a member of the PTA. **Mark Reed.** He is the son of Mike and Joann Reed. His hobbies are working at the Big Bear. He is involved with the Spanish Club and FBLA and he attends Church of Christ. His favorite things about EHS are getting on his computer teaching's nerves and PALS. **Melissa Benbow.** She is the daughter of Gary Meyers. Her hobbies are playing tennis and shopping. She attends St. John's Catholic Church in Enterprise. Her favorite thing about EHS is block scheduling.

Tiger Tales**CARLA GRAY**
Editor**CHASTITY WILLIAMS**
Assistant Editor**A Good Question**

At the highest levels of government, military leaders carefully monitor events in their region and around the world. As they evaluate troop movements, missile programs, and other possible responses, they try to answer the question, "Where is this going to lead us?"

About 600 B.C., Jeremiah prophet asked God to let him consider what his actions were like them. "The biggest threat to their well-being, however, wasn't an enemy army but their own spiritual and moral decay. People who professed to believe in God were often immoral, godless, and cruel (57:28).

Even more troubling was the people's preoccupation with religious symbols and personal possessions rather than the truth (5:30-31). The prophet, knowing that their way of life would ultimately bring down God's judgment, asked them to think realistically, "What will you do in the end?" (V.31).

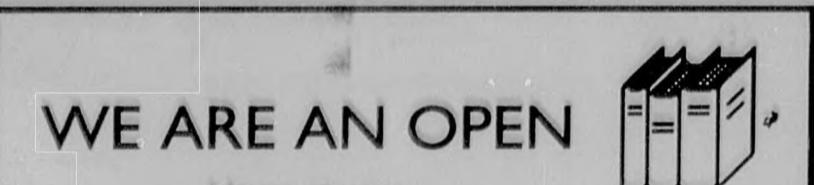
Fellow Seniors

by Erin Vignola

I have always said I know what I want to do with the rest of my life." But the rest of "my life" has always seemed so far away. In the past two or three months, it's seemed to catch up on me and fast. I realize I've got a lot of decisions to make. This seems to help.

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Pictured above is Melissa Benbow.

by Aaron Clegg

Senior year was for Melissa Benbow, the daughter of Jeff and Gina Benbow. Melissa is a 12th grade student at Elba High and an employee of Nasco. Her hobbies are taking pictures, making scrapbooks, and reading. She is president of student council. Sr. Beta and Girl Scouts. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, FFA, Tiger Reps, and the Drama Club. She is going to college to get her degree in Early Childhood Education. She wants to major in political science. Melissa's favorite past time is spending time with her mother, Emilee, and her best friend, Erin Vignola.

What's Happening...

by Carla Gray

February 1-8 - Presidential classroom.

February 6 - Sr. Cap & Gown Measurements.

February 11 - Annual Local Blood Drive.

February 13 - Miss Elba Pageant 6 p.m.

SECOND GRADERS STUDY COMMUNITIES. Mrs. Ham's second grade class at Elba Elementary School recently studied "Building a Community". As a culminating activity, some children made models of log cabins for a pioneer village. The following children are shown with their cabins: Amanda Campbell, Melanie Mularz, Haley Stinson, Kevin Parks, and Derrick Jackson.



Pictured above is the 2nd Six Weeks 25 Point Club.

Students continue to excel through the Accelerated Reader Program. Following students have all accumulated at least 25 points by reading selected books and passing the accompanying tests during the second six weeks of school: 3rd grade - Casey Medlock, Justin Watkins, Jason Walden, Lorenzo Cooks, Timothy Jackson 4th grade - Emily Paul, Aaron Harrelson, Lorri Gibson, Cassie Cooper 5th grade - Barbara McDonald, Mallory Allen, Ashley Martin, Mary Katherine Head, 6th grade - Elizabeth Morris, Andry Waddell, Hannah Petty, Freddie Mallory, Bart Barnes, Samantha Williams, Deann Smith, Brandon Behrens, Julian Coleman, Justin Hall, Terez Williamson, Colby Skinner, Justin Allen, Kristy Ward, Michael Conely, Michael Bryan, and Jason Curran.

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What would you like your sweetheart to give you for V-Day?
by Chastity Williams

Brittany McCall-Big teddy bear and a rose.
D'Undra - Peppermint box of chocolates, you never know what's gonna get.
Karyn Whitworth-A sweetheart.
Aaron Creel-An engagement ring.
Erin Vignola-I don't have a sweetie.
Derrick Daniels-Hearts and kisses.
Larry Rayborn-Money.
Aysha Cummins-Love...a whole lot of it.
Bruce Cole-A dozen roses and a lot of love.
Derrick Duncan-Chicken.
Marcie Siter-Candy.
Sharon Lovell-A sweetheart.
Brie Johnson-A balloon.
Priscilla Fleming-Money.
Teleisha Daniels-Him but a balloon two wouldn't hurt.
Courtney Rutherford-A letter.
Shermaine Sherrill-Teddy bear, a dozen roses, and a box of chocolates.
Rishonda Thomas-Teddy bear, dozen roses, balloons, box of chocolate and a rose.

Kevin Tills-Hugs and kisses.
Marcus Tills-Hugs and kisses.
Chastity Williams-His love, as long as I have you.
Courtney Rutherford-A sweetheart.
Alex Daniels-Roses.
Neil Tills-Candy.
Anthony Robinson-Hearts and kisses.
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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Another birthday has come and gone at the Mularz house and this one pushed the age of my baby girl to eight-years-old. Melanie was born almost six years after her older sister and has really enjoyed the role of being the "Baby Sister" over the years, and I can assure you that no matter how old she gets she will always be my baby girl!

ELBA TIGERS MOVE SEASON RECORD TO 14-6

The Elba Tigers won one and lost one last week to push their season record to 14-6 with only one week of the regular season remaining. The Tigers didn't play well early in the week in an upset loss to Enterprise, and Friday night knocked off another big lead over Opp, but rallied from a 14-5 deficit to win 59-58. It's been a great year for the Tigers, who are 14-6 in the best of any Tiger team in many years; the players have to remember that it was hard work and hustle that led to the wins, and not get overconfident now that the post-season party is just days away. A lot of teams from all across the state will close out the season with winning records, but only six will win their final game, and that should be the goal of the Tigers as a tournament team.

It's been a very good year for basketball at Elba High, but these Tigers have the chance to do something special, and if they play hard for all four quarters every time they hit the court, anything could happen. Elba will oppose Euhobeth in the opening round of the Area tournament, and although the Tigers have whipped the Rebels twice, it will be the team that wants to win the worst that gets the win and moves on. This game, more than any other, will show the true character of this year's team!

AREA TEAMS READY FOR THE TOURNAMENT

The area tournaments start next week across the state and for the four teams in the "Clipper's" coverage area it looks like all four teams have a shot at making some noise. Here's a look at what to expect...

***NEW BROCKTON HAS come on strong after a fast start and appears to be peaking at just the right time. The Gamecocks don't have as much talent as the Tigers, but they have heart and grit. Coach Tom Thrasher has slowly turned the program into one of the hardest working teams around, and their results in recent weeks have been wins, wins and more wins. New Brockton must tangle with Goshen in the opening round of the tournament, which will be a real tussle, but if the Gamecocks play their best, they could very well upset the Eagles and advance to Sub-Region play. Don't bet against the Gamecocks.

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***ZION CHAPEL has been playing better as of late and the Rebels could very well have a chance to run up their streak. Coach Doug Branson and his Rebels are now 10-2 and played in a loss to New Brockton, but also showed their players that he will fight for them no matter what their record is, and maybe the Rebels will show the same fire and desire in the tournament and pull off a shocker. It may be true that Zion Chapel doesn't have the best players around; however, sometimes it is what is inside a player that really matters, and if the Rebels will lay it on the line for four quarters anything could happen.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***It was interesting to see that The Dothan Eagle decided to run a feature story on the girl's basketball team at Eufaula concerning the Lady Tigers' 104-4 win over Russell County. The coach at Eufaula stated the lopsided win was a result of a lack of support of the girl's program at Russell County, and also because of the great support his program gets at Russell County. There is absolutely no justification for the 100-point win, and I couldn't believe that the coach would blame the other team and its athletic program for the big loss. The 104-4 win was a low-point for sportsmanship in girl's athletics in Alabama, and there is only one place to point the finger of guilt.

***Two of the girls teams in the Youth Basketball League displayed their skills during the B and Varsity basketball games at Elba High School last Friday night, and it was fun for all as the players and fans made the most of the exhibition games. The crowd cheered loudly over time the girls scored, and the girls tried their best to show their skills to the large crowd in attendance. It was quite a highlight show for all involved.

***The third annual "Sweet Swingers" high school softball tournament will be held on April 11-12 at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, and 23 teams have already committed to take part in this year's event. The tournament will be divided into two in 1A, 3A, and 4A categories. Some of the best teams in this part of the state are already entered. Teams from outside the area that have entered include Baker, from Mobile Central, from Hayneville, and Selma. It looks like the third will be the charm and that this year's tournament will be the best ever!

***Former Elba Tiger coach Mack Wood will be inducted into the Wiregrass State of Fame Hall of Fame yet another honor. The long list of accomplishments for the ex-Tiger legend, Coach Wood is the winningest coach in the history of Elba High School football, lead the Tigers to their only state championships ever, coached the state's All-Star football team against Mississippi, and will now be a member of both the AHSAA Hall of Fame and the Wiregrass Hall of Fame. Coach Wood has helped put Elba High School on the map, and I think it is time Elba gave something back in return. Just a thought...how about "Mack Wood Field." The stadium could still be called Tiger Stadium, while the field would bear the name of one of Elba's most famous athletic figures.

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Elba improves record to 14-6

Late free-throw drops Opp 59-58

The Elba Tigers improved their record to 14-6 Friday night with an exciting 59-58 win over the Opp Bobcats in Elba.

The Tigers took command early in the game and behind the inside scoring of Tim Ware, and used the second half shooting of Derrick Daniels to open up a big 32-22 halftime advantage.

The Bobcats began to chip away at the Elba lead in the third quarter and cut the deficit to 43-39 by the end of the stanza. Opp pulled on top by free throws in the fourth period as the Tigers missed numerous free-throw opportunities; however, Eric Jordan hit a free-throw with :05 left on the clock to put the Tigers back on top 59-58, and a last-second halfcourt shot by Opp just missed the mark, as Elba survived with the 59-58 win.

Derrick Daniels scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Elba, while Tim Ware added 12 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

The Elba B team saw its record slip to 8-8 with a 62-48 loss to the Opp Bobcats.

The Elba B team jumped out to an early 22-7 lead over the Bobcats, but saw Opp close to within 36-33 by the end of the half and then pull away in the second half to claim the win.

Michael Hooks scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Bruce Cole added 11 and Mark Wicker scored 10.

Opp (62): Lacey 13, Stoumenire 4, Anderson 23, Jimmire 6, Hines 4, Wilkerson 10.

Elba (48): Duncan 2, Wicker 10, Murdock 8, Hooks 14, Cole 11.

'Cats out claw Tigers 56-54

The Elba Tigers traveledross the county line and took over the 6A Enterprise Wildcats, but fell behind early and saw a furious fourth quarter rally just short as the Tigers came out on the short end of a 56-54 decision.

The loss to Elba with a 13-6 record aside, Enterprise improved to 4-13 with Brantley.

The lead sawed in the early going as neither team could pull away; however, Enterprise extended its lead to 16-12 by the end of the first stanza and pulled out to a 30-22 advantage midway through the second quarter.

The Tigers rallied to pull within 34-30 by the end of the half, only to see the Wildcats regain command in the third quarter and open up a 44-36 lead midway through the period.

The Wildcats carried a 47-39 lead into the fourth quarter and appeared to be in control, but Elba picked up the intensity on defense and went on an 11-5 run to chop the lead to 56-55 with 1:29 left on the clock.

Enterprise hit on four straight free-throws to increase its lead to 56-52, but the Tigers again rallied and pulled within 56-54 with :08 left on the clock, only to see the Wildcats pull out the clock and claim the 56-54 win.

Derrick Daniels scored 26 points to lead Elba, while Larry Rayborn added 12 and Michael Reed scored 10. Eric Smith led Enterprise with 15 points.

The Elba B team pulled away in the second half to down the Knicks 38-25, in "12 and Under" boy's action.

The Bobcats led only 15-12 at the half, but extended their lead to 24-15 in the third quarter and third quarter and then pulled to the wire.

Scoring for the Bobcats were Avrian Stoumenire 24, Jasper Caldwell 8, Chad Barbare 2, Joseph Falls 2 and Quinton Moultrie 2.

Scoring for the Knicks were Doug Kyles 11, Alex Wilson 7,

Elba (54): Daniels 14, Jordan 9, Robinson 2, Peterson 7, Rayborn 7.

In youth basketball action

Pacers put eight in scoring column

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its "Youth Basketball League" season last weekend with six games on tap.

Following are highlights of all six games:

BULLETS 38 KNICKS 25

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YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

9:00 - Hornets vs. Pacers 10:00 - Blazers vs. Sonics 11:00 - Hawks vs. Bulls 12:00 - Blazers vs. Lakers 1:00 - Heat vs. Knicks 2:00 - Nets vs. Bullets

LAKERS 12 SONICS 12

The Lakers pulled ahead early and held on to down the Sonics 12-7, in "10 and Under" girl's action.

The Lakers led only 10-7 at the half, but held on to claim the win.

Scoring for the Lakers were Andie Gibson 8, Katie Dyess 2 and Lucy Carlisle 2.

Scoring for the Sonics were Ayanna Proctor 6 and Lyndsay Bradford 1.

PACERS 37 BULLS 7

The Pacers led 13-0 after one stanza and rolled to an easy win.

Scoring for the Pacers were Colby Capps 12, Heather Curran 5, Chasity Carter 5, Lakeisha Carter 2, Lewis Johnson 2, Hunter White 2, Ron Hill 2 and Kaleb Dyess 2.

Scoring for the Bulls were Duke Carr 4 and Todd Kelley 3.

LAKERS 12 BLAZERS 5

The Lakers rallied in the second half to down the Blazers 12-5, in "10 and Under" girl's action.

The Lakers trailed 3-2 at the half, but rallied late to claim the win.

Scoring for the Lakers were Lucy Carlisle 6, Katie Dyess 2, Andie Gibson 2 and Allison Bradford 2.

Scoring for the Blazers was Collette Newsom 5.

HAWKS 11 HORNETS 10

The Hawks rallied in the fourth quarter to slip past the Hornets 11-

10. In "10 and Under" boy's action.

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Elba Tiger 8th grader Tim Ware (42) soars to tip in a missed shot during the Tigers' exciting 59-58 win over the Opp Bobcats. Ware scored 12 points and grabbed 9 rebounds in the win.

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STATUS REPORT GIVEN ON VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS

Elba City Council amends operating budget

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to amend the 1996-97 operating budget. Total increase is \$17,000. The largest increases are in the police department and the recreation department. There were also adjustments made in the proposed Capital Improvements Fund (vehicles, buildings, etc.).

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that Elba police cars traveled a total of 14,458 miles during the month of January. During this time period officers spent 8 hours on routine patrol and 244 hours checking doors, doing security checks, etc.

The department made 57 hazard arrests, 13 non-hazard arrests, issued 87 warning tickets and filed 57 offense reports. They also investigated 20 automobile accidents during this month.

Monthly bills totaling \$16,375.19 were approved for payment. Prior to approving the bills, Council member Ben Carpenter questioned the paying for vehicle repair when the city had its own repair shop. The two bills he questioned were explained by the city clerk and city mechanic. One was for the part only, which was then installed by city crews. The other was a drug task force vehicle and the expense was only being funneled through the city and was done like that.

Council members were presented a written status report, by City Clerk Donnie Morrow, on the leases on the remaining old school property.

The mayor noted there was no money, even in this amended budget, allocated to putting a new roof on the police station. He suggested efforts be made to begin making arrangements to have it done.

The mayor noted that the ending balance in the general fund was up by \$246,248 from the previous year's ending balance and the Water

Electric cash balance was also up. However, Grimes pointed out there was \$464,000 in "one time money" such as from the sale of the school buildings last year. He said, "We must live on our income and not rely on these monies every year."

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The mayor told council members that engineers on the multi-million dollar sewer upgrade project have been paid by the county. The total cost of the project is \$46,000 will be available from grant sources, instead of the \$50,000 which had been projected.

Morrow also noted that 38 town businesses have not purchased their 1997 business license and now face a 15% penalty. He said there are

tun lane and plans are at the state office on the Larkin Road turn lane; sewer taps related to the latest sewer project are 98% complete on Terrell Street ... 90% complete on Gibson Street and 94% complete on Cedar Lane and Reese Avenue is scheduled for this week.

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also individuals who operate from their homes, but should have a license. These include furniture makers, make-up company agents, etc. He indicated they have contacted individuals to let them know to purchase a business license.

Grimes announced that the city was cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce in a community wide clean-up day on Saturday, March 1st.

Councilman John Shampless asked the city clerk to look into setting up some disposal sites for used oil. He noted that many automobile owners change their own oil and recycle barrels need to be available.

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NEWEST RESTAURANT...Last Thursday afternoon, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially mark the opening of the newest restaurant in Elba. Mama's Kitchen has been open for several weeks now and features home cooked meals "just like mom's cooking." The restaurant is located on Hwy. 280 across from the Son's Drive-In. Pictured at the ribbon cutting in the ceremony are (l-r): Miss Elba Destiny Brown, Barbara Hudson, Ann Carley, Herby McCall, Sue Barbores (owner), Irene Weinel, Little Miss Elba Haley Stinson, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Kenneth Calhoun, Katanya Peterson, and Junior Miss Elba Misty Kelley.

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He said they would continue to meet with the engineers and representatives of the federal lending agency to improve this figure.

FUNDS DONATED TOWARD FAMILY SERVICES CENTER FOR COUNTY

Commission reviewing budget adjustment request

By Marvin McLain, Editor

Monday's regular bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission lasted forty-five minutes; however a work session was planned for the afternoon.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimley opened the business session by commenting that the new carpet had been installed in the Elba Courthouse.

"The contractor did a good job and its looks real nice and should last a long time," said Grimley.

Coffee County Emergency Manager, Director Charlie Webb appeared before the commission requesting a budget increase.

He asked that his department's budget be increased by \$13,590.00.

Webb explained that the increase in pay raises for employees was allowing for more to be received since the first of the year by the county via grants and cost shares to be placed in his department's budget.

"These funds will be used to cover the costs of the communications equipment that has been purchased," Webb stated.

There seemed to be some question as to why some of the monies received (\$1,570.00) were placed in the gasoline fund in lieu of being placed in the EMA's budget.

After some discussion, Commission members suggested that the matter be studied and that an adjustment will be made after reviewing the findings. He made it in the form of a motion which was passed by a unanimous vote of the commission.

Superintendent of Schools, Roger Bowden stated that due to the increased enrollment in the system several needs for expansion had risen in each of the schools.

The immediate projects will be funded with the \$300,000 received from the Public School and College Authority.

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He also stated that two permanent classrooms, one at Kinston High and the other at New Brockton High, will be constructed.

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Moving on to other business, Grimley made a motion that Probate Judge William Gammill's re-

quest for additional help (one person) be approved.

In the last meeting of the commission, Judge Gammill had asked for an additional clerk in the Enterprise office. He had noted that in recent years he worked in that office had increased greatly.

The commissioners approved Gammill's request for help.

The potential establishment of a Family Services Center in Coffee County.

Mrs. Everett is currently serving as chairperson of the committee developing plans for the center.

She stressed the fact that this is a new program; however, it is a new concept.

The purpose of the center will be to implement the already existing agencies which provide assistance to needy families and to provide a network of these services. The center will help reduce or eliminate the duplication of services being provided.

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